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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 50-82028.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 06157402.

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3. WO 94/18152.

4. Japanese Patent Application No. 06072922. The relevance of this document is discussed on page 2 of the present patent application.

5. Japanese Patent Application No. 09020703.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of non-English language documents 2-5 above, an English language abstract of the documents setting forth the relevance is enclosed. Also, in lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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